



Hello May

JSU will be closed on May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

The Summer 2023 Commencement Ceremony will take place on August 4, 2023.

The last day to apply for graduation is May 17, 2023.

Check out the link below to apply.

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Help us celebrate Teachers and Nurses during the month of May!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12, 2023.

[College of Education and Professional Studies](#)

Nurses Appreciation Week is May 6-12, 2023.

[College of Health Professions and Wellness](#)

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Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Channing R. Ford, and Assistant Director, Ashlee Hanvey, attend the NAGAP Conference in New York City. They presented on *"Cultivating Graduate Enrollment Best Practices Through Faculty-Staff Collaborations."*



Graduate Faculty Spotlight **MS. JODI POE** Head of Technical Services at the Houston Cole Library

My academic background is an undergraduate degree in Accounting from JSU and a Master's of Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama. Like most librarians, I never dreamed of being a librarian. My original goal was to be an attorney (I really like to argue). However, I grew to love libraries and what they do for students through my job as a student assistant while working on my undergraduate degree at both the University of Montevallo and Jacksonville State University. Most of my time as a student assistant was in the Acquisitions unit in the Technical Services Department, though I did work at the Circulation Desk and shelved materials as well. I found that I liked the structure and "rules" that we had to follow in the Technical Services Department. One of my supervisors at the Library reached out to me about a full-time staff position in the Acquisitions Department. I was lucky enough to be selected for that position in September 1991 and have been here ever since.

My professional journey at JSU started as a student assistant, then as a member of the staff, then to my first faculty position as the Distance Education/Electronic Resources Manager, and now I am a Distinguished Professor and Head of Technical Services. In my current role, I oversee the day-to-day operations of the Acquisitions, Cataloging, Digital Assets & Special Collections, Distance Education & Electronic Resources, and Serials Departments. I am responsible for the four librarians who are faculty, seven staff members, and one working retiree. Our department not only buys the materials, both print and electronic, that are available for our students, faculty, staff, and community to use, but we also process them to make sure they can be found. I live in Anniston with my daughter, our three dogs, and two cats. My daughter, Emily, will be pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education beginning in the summer term. My second family is the group at the JSU Library. The Library Faculty and staff are a great group of people who are intelligent, friendly, funny, and consumed with a desire to serve our students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Interested in Graduate Studies?

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Continue the Legacy



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DEAN'S CORNER

Mr. John-Bauer Graham, *Dean of Library Services*

My academic background is an undergraduate degree and Master's degree in History, a Master's of Library and Information Studies from The University of Alabama (yes, there's such a thing as library school!) and doctoral work in Higher Education Administration. My "other" background is I'm a military brat that luckily ended up in Gadsden, Alabama many moons ago. I was fortunate to be given a chance by the former administration to come work at JSU as an evening circulation assistant in our library in 1997 and the rest, as they say, is history. I am a Distinguished Professor and Dean of Library Services. I am responsible for our faculty members (your librarians) and the library staff members, the building, its collections, and all library services (but not the coffee shop). Being able to be a part of an academic support unit that cares not only for the entire University but the entire community as well, in addition to be surrounded with dedicated faculty and staff that share my passion and commitment to service has been the most gratifying experience. Having their trust to lead the unit is one of my most cherished things.

Our profession is needed now more than ever. Especially when it comes to graduate level research and supporting graduate studies. I like to tell our students that because of the avalanche of information readily available with a few keystrokes (or even voice commands); we (librarians) are needed to help dig you out from under the pile. Finding information, in this day and age, is no longer like finding a needle in a haystack, but rather finding a single stray of hay in a stack of needles. It can be dangerous. There is an old saying in the profession, there's stuff you know, and the stuff you know how to find. Our librarians specialize in the finding part. Our library is an awesome resource as a "place" should be the hub of the campus. After all (to quote Shelby Foote) "A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library." Our University is at a crossroads. We have to work hard to establish our identity and regain our proper place as one of the best colleges (across all programs) in the Southeast. Establishing our identity doesn't necessarily mean looking for a new image or "hook", but perhaps looking back to what we have done to make us great in the past and relying on those strengths.



The *Houston Cole Library* offers a number of services to the JSU community. Check out some quick facts about the library below! To visit the library's website, click on the image of the Houston Cole Library.

- Named for President Emeritus Dr. Houston Cole and was built in 1972.
- The Library's collection consists of more than 2,000,000 items.
- The facility is a 13-story building divided into 7 micro-libraries.
- Floors 3-7 and 9-10 are divided into public subject areas managed by subject specialist librarians.

